

Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specifications Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," published on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.36, as amended July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953). The amendments also grant requests for the following additional ITS items: (a) May 6, 1998 (63 FR 25108) (two notices); (b) May 6, 1998 (63 FR 25107); (c) May 20, 1998 (63 FR 27761); (d) July 29, 1998 (63 FR 40554); and (e) August 26, 1998 (63 FR 45524). In addition, the amendments add license conditions to the newly-created Appendix C (Unit 1) and Appendix D (Unit 2) of the operating licenses that require (1) the relocation of certain requirements to licensee-controlled documents, and (2) the first performance of new and revised surveillance requirements for the new improved TS to be related to the implementation date of the improved TS. The implementation of the amendments and the license conditions will be completed no later than 90 days after the date of the amendments, as stated in the amendments.

The application for the amendments comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on July 15, 1997 (62 FR 37940). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 51626 dated September 28, 1998). For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendments dated May 27, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 9, March 20, April 20, June 3, June 24, July 7, July 21, August 5, September 8, and September 15, 1998, (2) Amendment No. 184 to License No. NPF-9 and Amendment No. 166 to License No. NPF-17, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation,

and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the J. Murrey Atkins Library, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Duke Energy Corporation, et al.; Docket Nos. 50-413 and 50-414 Notice of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment No. 173 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-35 and Amendment No. 165 to Facility Operating License No. NPF-52 issued to Duke Energy Corporation, et al. (the licensee), which revised the Technical Specifications for operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, located in York County, South Carolina. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance and shall be implemented by January 31, 1999.

The amendments implement a full conversion of the Catawba Nuclear Station Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based upon NUREG-1431, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants," Revision 1, April 1995, and on guidance provided in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specifications Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," published on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.36, as amended July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953). The amendments also grant requests for the following additional ITS items: (a) May 6, 1998 (63 FR 25106); (b) May 20, 1998 (63 FR 27760); and (c) July 29, 1998 (63 FR 40553). In addition, the amendments add license conditions to Appendix D (Unit 1 and Unit 2) of the operating licenses that require (1) the relocation of certain requirements to licensee-controlled documents, and (2) the first performance of new and revised

surveillance requirements for the new improved TS to be related to the implementation date of the improved TS. The implementation of the amendments and the license conditions will be completed by January 31, 1999, as stated in the amendments.

The application for the amendments comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 1997 (62 FR 37628). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 49139, September 14, 1998).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendments dated May 27, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 9, March 20, April 20, June 3, June 24, July 7, July 21, August 5, September 8, and September 15, 1998, (2) Amendment No. 173 to License No. NPF-35 and Amendment No. 165 to License No. NPF-52, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the York County Library, 138 East Black Street, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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